

Certification Status Definitions for Small Business & Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Certifications

Internet Certification Status Query

A firm's Small Business and/or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) certification status can change at any time. To verify the real-time certification status of all firms that have or had an application on file with the Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS) go to: www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/smbus and select [Search for STATUS of a specific Firm's Certification](#).

- Enter the applicant's OSDS Reference Number or a partial business name and click on Search
- Once the summary profile appears on the screen, **you must click on the business name** to see the detailed certification information as depicted below

Current Certification Status

Business Type	Certification Type	Status	From Date	To Date
SERVICE	SMALL BUSINESS	Approved	2/21/2008 12:00:00 AM	2/28/2009 12:00:00 AM
SERVICE	DVBE	Approved	3/6/2008 12:00:00 AM	2/28/2009 12:00:00 AM

Certification statuses

An applicant may have one or more of the following certification statuses on their profile:

- Approved
- Pending
- In Progress
- Expired
- Denied
- Revoked

Approved status

An "Approved" status means the firm is currently certified.

Pending status

"Pending" means the firm's application is being processed by the OSDS. In an award situation, buyers and contracting officials are encouraged to contact the OSDS at (916) 375-4940 to request an expedited review.

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In Progress status	“In Progress” means the firm is either in the process of applying via the OSDS’ online certification application at www.getcertified.dgs.ca.gov or the applicant must send support documents to the OSDS to obtain a certification status.
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Expired status	An “Expired” status means the previously-certified firm’s certification has expired. The firm can submit a new certification application.
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Denied status	“Denied” means the firm’s certification request was denied for a variety of reasons, including self-withdrawal. The firm can submit a new certification application.
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Revoked status	“Revoked” means the previously-certified firm’s certification status was terminated, including self-withdrawal. The firm can submit a new certification application.
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Certification effective date	Firms claiming SB or DVBE certification in a bidding situation have until 5:00 p.m. of the <u>bid due date</u> to submit a certification application to the OSDS that when reviewed (regardless of review date) can be deemed certifiable.
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Example:

- A solicitation’s bid due date is 4/1/08
 - OSDS receives on 4/1/08 at 4:59 PM, a paper application and all pertinent support documents
 - OSDS reviews the application on 4/5/08 and determines the application is complete and the firm is eligible for certification
 - The firm’s certification effective date is 4/1/08
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In a hurry?	The OSDS encourages firms in a bidding situation to use the online certification application at www.getcertified.dgs.ca.gov . In most Small Business cases, a firm can get certified in about 20 minutes. Firms can call the OSDS Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, at (916) 375-4940 for hands-on assistance with the online application.
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